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STAFFDEL DOCKERY

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TAGS: OREP (DOCKERY, ROBERT AND ROUSSEAU,RUDOLPH)

SUBJECT: STAFFDEL DOCKERY

REF: STATE 107370

1. STAFF MEMBERS ROBERT DOCKERY AND RUDOLPH ROUSSEAU OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE PLAN TRAVEL TO GUATEMALA AND NICARAGUA MAY 10 - MAY 20 (REFTEL). THEY HAVE BEEN ASKED BY THE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A STAFF OVERSIGHT STUDY OF RELIEF AND REHABILITATION OPERATIONS IN GUATEMALA AND NICARAGUA WHICH WERE UNDERTAKEN TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AFTER THE EARTHQUAKES WHICH STRUCK THE TWO COUNTRIES IN 1976 AND 1972, RESPECTIVELY. AS THE SCHEDULE PERMITS, THEY WISH TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL OF THE US MISSIONS; OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF GUATEMALA; AND NICARAGUA REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED IN REHABILITATION; INDIVIDUALS FROM

U.S. VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION EFFORTS AND SELECT PRIVATE CITIZENS. THEY WISH TO VISIT AREAS AFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKES AND TO

SEE ONGOING AND COMPLETED U.S. DISASTER RELIEF PROJECTS.

2. ITINERARY:

MAY 10: LV WASH 1305 VIA PA 541 AR GUATEMALA CITY 1530
MAY 16: LV GUATEMALA CITY 1635 VIA PA 503 AR MANAGUA 1830
MAY 20: LV MANAGUA 1250 VIA NI 410 AR MIAMI 1710
MAY 20: LV MIAMI 1850 VIA EA 198 AR WASHINGTON 2100

3. GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS:

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE OVERSIGHT STUDY IS TO PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE WITH AN EVALUATION OF THE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION OPERATIONS IN BOTH COUNTRIES. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT COMPONENTS OF THE EVALUATION WILL INCLUDE A DETERMINATION OF WHETHER U.S. RELIEF SUPPLIES AND PROGRAMS WERE EFFECTIVELY TARGETED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE OVERALL RELIEF EFFORT; WHETHER THE PERSONNEL AND SUPPLIES ARRIVED AT THE DESIGNATED PLACES IN AS TIMELY A MANNER AS CONDITIONS AND RESOURCES PERMITTED; WHETHER THE OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED EFFECTIVELY; WHETHER U.S. EFFORTS WERE EFFECTIVELY COORDINATED WITH THE EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA AND OTHER DONORS; AND, FINALLY, WHETHER THE CONDUCT OF THE U.S. RELIEF EFFORT IN GUATEMALA INDICATES THE NEED FOR CHANGE IN EITHER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DISASTER RELIEF AS AUTHORIZED BY THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OR CHANGE IN THE LEGISLATION ITSELF.

TO THAT END, THE STAFF MEMBERS WISH TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS AS NOTED AS WELL AS TO TRAVEL TO AFFECTED AREAS. STAFF MEMBERS PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE: (REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS SOONEST)

MONDAY, MAY 10: ARRIVE GUATEMALA CITY
MAY 11: BRIEFINGS BY GUATEMALA CITY OFFICIALS OF U.S.
--- MISSION AND IF SCHEDULE PERMITS, OTHER INDIVIDUALS
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--- NOTED ABOVE.

MAY 12, 13 VISITS TO AFFECTED AREAS AND U.S. PROJECTS.
--- STAFF MAY VISIT AREAS SEPARATELY.
MAY 14, 15 FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS WITH SELECTED INDIVIDUALS.

SUNDAY, MAY 16: DEPART FOR MANAGUA

MAY 17: BRIEFINGS BY OFFICIALS OF U.S. MISSION, AND IF
SCHEDULE PERMITS, OTHER INDIVIDUALS NOTED ABOVE

MAY 18: VISIT AFFECTED AREAS AND U.S. PROJECTS.

MAY 19: FOLLOW UP INTERVIEWS.

MAY 20: DEPART FOR WASHINGTON

STAFF REQUESTS SUGGESTIONS FROM POSTS REGARDING APPOINT-
MENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN RELIEF AND
REHABILITATION EFFORTS.

4. STAFFDEL HAS REQUESTED THAT THERE BE NO PRESS OR
PUBLICITY AND THAT PROTOCOL ACTIVITIES BE KEPT TO A
MINIMUM.

5. HOTELS: REQUEST TWO SINGLES AT FIRSTCLASS, MODERATE
PRICED HOTEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITINERARY.

6. AUTHORIZATION: PROVISIONS OF CA 10315 DATED OCTOBER
16, 1972 APPLY. USE OF LOCAL CURRENCIES 19FT510 FUNDS
UP TO EQUIVALENT U.S. DOLLARS 75 PER DAY PLUS ACTUAL
TRANSPORTATION COSTS AUTHORIZED BY SENATE FOREIGN
RELATIONS COMMITTEE. PLEASE APPOINT CONTROL, MEET ON
ARRIVAL IF POSSIBLE (IF NOT, PLEASE HIRE CAR/DRIVER TO
MEET), ASSIST AND PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION. SISCO

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